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SUBJECT: RABIN'S RECENT STATEMENTS

1. SINCE RETURNING FROM THE US ON FEBRUARY 6, RABIN HAS BEEN INVOLVED BOTH IN DEFENDING HIMSELF AGAINST DOMESTIC CRITICS OF HIS PURPORTED REMARKS ON ISRAEL'S "EXAGGERATED" ARMS REQUESTS, AND IN INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF HIS US TALKS. ILLUSTRATIVE OF HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM RABIN'S KNESSET SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 9 AND HIS  
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2. ON THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE US: "THERE IS A LARGE BASIS OF SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FOR ISRAEL, AND UNDERSTANDING IN WHICH THERE IS A WILLINGNESS TO TRANSLATE THIS INTO REAL AID IN THE POLITICAL, MILITARY AND FINANCIAL FIELDS." NONETHELESS, DESPITE SIGNS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE US AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE, THERE IS A STRONG TENDENCY TO AVOID DIRECT MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL CONFLICTS, SUCH AS ANGOLA AND LEBANON, AND TO AVOID RISKS IN THE INTERNATIONAL

ARENA. "THIS IS THE REALITY AND IT CANNOT BE IGNORED."

3. ON NEXT NEGOTIATING STEPS:

--"AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES THAT AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO CALL THE GENEVA CONFERENCE," WITH THE PARTICIPANTS ORIGINALLY INVITED IN DECEMBER 1973.

--"IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A TOTAL PEACE ON ISRAELI TERMS, THEN WE SHOULD TEST THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING THE MINIMUM POLITICAL TARGET IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH MUST BE SOMETHING CLOSE TO PEACE AND MUST BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY BETWEEN US AND THE ARABS."

--"SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL IN THE US" LED RABIN TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FUTURE "NEGOTIATIONS ARE INTENDED FOR A SETTLEMENT WITH MORE THAN ONE ARAB COUNTRY. THIS BEING THE CASE, NO PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT WITH LIMITED POLITICAL AIMS WAS RAISED, NOR FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE SEPARATE ARAB COUNTRY."

--"I FOUND THAT THE US IS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITIONS AS WAS AGREED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING THAT WAS SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE WAKE OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. I FOUND THAT THE US WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE TERROR ORGANIZATIONS AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND DO NOT RECOGNIZE RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338...AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE US DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD STATE BETWEEN

ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THE POSSIBILITY OF A POLITICAL PROCESS IN THE DIRECTION THAT I MENTIONED AND ACCORDING TO PRIORITIES WILL BE EXAMINED WITH CONSIDERATION AND WITHOUT HASTE. AND THIS COMES AFTER THE MANIFESTATION OF AMERICA'S FIRM RESTRAINING CAPACITY BY MEANS OF VETO IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ISRAEL'S CLEAR POSITION NOT TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERROR ORGANIZATIONS NOR TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON ANOTHER LIMITED SETTLEMENT WITH ONE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES."

4. ON ISRAEL'S ARMS REQUESTS:

--IT WAS FOUND THAT BOTH THE BUDGETARY AMOUNT AND SOME OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL ISRAELI

ARMS REQUESTS OF THE SUMMER OF 1974 "WERE SERVING AS A WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF OUR ADVERSARIES IN ORDER TO CONTEST OUR DEMANDS." THEREFORE, A NEW, MODIFIED ARMS REQUEST LIST WAS SUBMITTED SHORTLY BEFORE RABIN ARRIVED IN THE US. "ON ALL SECURITY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE PROCUREMENT LISTS, THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT" AMONG RABIN, PERES, AND ALLON.

--NOT ALL OF ISRAEL'S ARMS AID REQUESTS WERE FILLED, AS IS NOT UNUSUAL, BUT THE LIST OF ITEMS WHICH THE US IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WILL STRENGTHEN THE IDF. INGERSOLL

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